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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 1995, at 12 noon.

## Senate

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, July 10, 1995)

The Senate met at 9 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, thank You for the rest of the night and the fresh energy to begin a new day. As the brightness breaks through the clouds of the morning sky, illuminate our hearts with Your own darkness-dispelling presence. Drive away the clouds of doubt that question Your faithfulness in trying circumstances and the clouds of fear that make us cautious when we need to be courageous. We know that anytime we get wrapped up in ourselves, we're a pretty small package. Unwrap us Lord. Set us free from self-concern so that we may focus on the needs of others. Renew our assurance that we are loved and forgiven by You so that we may be communicators of Your grace to the people with whom we work.

As we press on seeking Your best for our Nation in the complicated issues of welfare reform, give us that lively enthusiasm that comes from believing that there are solutions and that consensus can be reached. Liberate us from defensiveness. Give us efficiency in the use of time and frugality in the use of words. Help us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Fill this day with serendipities, unusual happenings in usual circumstances. Surprise us again with the amazing way You can untangle the knotted threads

of process and weave Your thoughts from many minds into answers we could not achieve without each other and most of all, without You. Thank You, Lord, for guiding us today. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, this morning, leader time has been reserved, and the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4, the welfare bill, for the purposes of debate only until the hour of 12:30 today.

At 12:30, the Senate will recess until the hour of 2:15 today for the weekly policy conferences to meet. Rollcall votes can be expected during today's session on or in relation to the welfare bill or possibly the Department of Defense authorization bill.

All Senators should anticipate a late session this evening in order to make progress on a number of items prior to the August recess.

### FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to restore the American family, reduce illegitimacy, control welfare spending, and reduce welfare dependence.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Dole modified amendment No. 2280, of a perfecting nature.

Mr. PACKWOOD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Oregon is recognized.

Mr. PACKWOOD. Mr. President, as I understand it, we are not under controlled time. I believe the Senator from Delaware is prepared to speak.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator DOLE, Senator PACKWOOD, and my other colleagues in introducing this comprehensive welfare reform legislation, S. 1120, America's Work and Family Opportunities Act of 1995.

The American people know our welfare system is fatally flawed. The present welfare system is not serving the best interests of either the beneficiaries or the taxpayers. S. 1120 is a bold initiative that will help prevent even more Americans from falling into the trap of dependency.

Mr. President, in 1965, the average monthly number of children receiving aid to families with dependent children was 3.3 million; in 1992, there were 9.3 million children receiving AFDC benefits. While the number of children receiving AFDC increased nearly threefold between 1965 and 1992, the total

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